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## IS THE LIGHT WORTH THE CANDLE?

Now that the race riot at Longview, Texas, is well in hand, and that seemingly, there is peace, The Observer and Freeman asks: Since this trouble is alleged to have started from a publication in the Chicago Defender of June 17th, was the sensational news item, involving the morality, character and honor of a white woman exploited to stimulate further circulation of that paper, or was it done simply for dollars and cents, or just a morbid desire to be sensational?

If it was either, that was certainly a d—d bad way to do it, for in the end the colored people at Longview and throughout Texas generally, are sufferers, with worse yet to follow!

Let us count the cost and see whether the burning of those colored people's homes and the killing of old man Marion Bush and the numerous arrests of colored men, together with the fleeing of Prof. F. L. Jones and Dr. C. P. Davis, was a good bargain for selling papers and whether the publication of that slanderous newspaper article was the best way to help the race at Longview, where in all trials in the courts, be they crimes or misdemeanors, white men strictly serve as judge, jury and executioner. Is such sacrifice of life and property the end sought? Is such desired? And was such a sequence expected? Prof. Jones, we are informed, was agent for the Defender and other race papers, but whether he corresponded for any of them we do not know.

It is said that he denied reporting the incident complained to any person, let alone the Defender and that he protested being charged with that to the last.

It is thought Dr. Davis advised the colored people to "look out" and to prepare for trouble when the report got out that there would be others lynched in addition to the lynching of Lemuel last month.

How the white people got that information, if they had any at all, is not known.

We do know, however, that it is possible to get information they may want from stool pigeons, pimps and that ilk of the race, who have ingress and egress to all Negro homes, churches and meeting places and who mix indiscriminately with the best people in society, church and everything else owned and conducted by the race.

While we regret that unhappy and unlooked for occurrence, we commend the stand taken by our people in defending themselves as they did. Stands like that, even when odds are against you, will in a measure stop lynching and at times will force intervention by the state when the state otherwise would not be interested. As matters stand today we congratulate Governor Holley for the stand he took in calling out the Rangers and different

units of the National Guard, for without their intervention there would have been hell to pay at Longview.

The Observer, Freeman, Houston, Texas, July 26th, 1919.

## LEAGUES

This word at this time seems to have precedence over all else, during the past year there has been more said and written about it than any other word. We all know that at this very moment the greatest legislative body in the world is considering it in connection with Nations, The League of Nations containing Covenants, propositions, and directions for The Nations, the result of serious consideration by the most able minds of the world and we find upon analysis of it imperfections so great and glaring as to astound, try and exhaust the real statesman and proving conclusively the seriousness of this League Business.

It's a thing to be seriously and wisely considered, there are several Leagues we might discuss in this article, but it is our purpose to ascertain something about a League that has been in existence for a decade or more among the Negro People of this Country.

The Negro Business League will convene in annual session Aug. 16, 17, 18 next in the City of St. Louis, we know for what The League of Nations proposes, but we know less about the purposes of The Negro Business League, we have talked with a good many Business concerns of National repute who seem to know less than we about it and general discussion with members of it has been barren of any knowledge of its accomplishments; knowing as we do know most of the characters controlling it, and their faith in the utterance 'Ask and it shall be giving thee,' we present the following questions to wit: What aid, strength, or assistance has The League giving to the Negro Race in this Country?

With what Banks or Business Institutions has it a standing and a credit? When, where and under what law incorporated? What are the conditions for members in it, and what becomes of the revenues thus raised if any is collected? What are the purposes of Annual Meetings other than to renew acquaintances and to share the hospitality of various cities in which they meet, pay railroad fares and tell each other their experiences.

Would the expenses incurred individually in these Annual affairs be spent collectively to promote a real Business? What does The League own and what benefits are to be derived by members? If these questions are answered candidly they will do The League a world of good, if in the affirmative and the Race an abundant benefit if in the negative, for if the answer discloses some tangible results The League will prosper where it now languishes for the Public will know of its accomplishments, if on the other hand it has not accomplished any real good or demonstrated any Railroad fares neglecting their own Business will be disillusioned, and thus arouse some effort that will give inspiration to all of us. Thereby put forth to create a real place in the Business world for Negro Business Men. This is in keeping with the order of the day Reconstruction and Rehabilitation.

B. F. Moseley.

## APPEAL OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZER, PROF. A. W. WHALEY OF THE NATIONAL EQUAL RIGHTS LEAGUE OF U.S.A.

To Afro-Americans of the U. S. A. and the West Indies:

The condition that confronts us on every hand demands immediate united action on our part. If we delay, we would be guilty of an unpardonable sin, and jeopardize the Black Man's Cause for Ages to Come. Our descendants would curse our memory. Shall the invincible and untried Knights Liberty, who saved in the bloody wars of America and Europe for the white race the "Jewels of Liberty" deny them to ourselves? Equality of Rights and Liberty are within our grasp, Black Americans!! Let us rise up in our moral, intellectual and physical might and take our rights!

## RACE RIOTS IN CHICAGO—SIXTHOUSAND STATE TROOPS ARE NOW IN COMPLETE CONTROL OF THIS CITY.

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the white person who threw the stone which struck Eugene Williams the 17-year-old Colored, causing him to fall from the raft into the lake and drowned at 29th St. Bathing beach last Sunday.

The utter failure of the policeman to do his duty in that respect so angered the Colored people present that they decided to take the law into their own hands which was a very dangerous thing to do, for their action or conduct has been very costly not only to the Colored race, but to the white race as well; after all that has been said and done it would have been ten billion times better if the Colored people would have permitted the law to take its course, for the results flowing from their actions have been appalling and will be a huge stumbling block across the pathway of both races in this fair city for generations yet unborn.

In time it may dawn upon the minds of the business men; the small taxpayers and others who are deeply interested in Chicago, that so far mob, lynch law and the reign of anarchy has cost them more than one million dollars that the city will be forced to pay five thousand dollars for each person shot down in cold blood, and to pay for the property destroyed by the mobs; and to fork over money to those who have received any injuries to their persons from the law defying elements.

On Monday evening after arriving home safe and sound by the skin of our teeth we set forth after dinner for the purpose of attending a meeting at 33rd and Wabash ave. It was after 12 o'clock before the meeting came to an end, one lady was present who lived on Vernon ave., south of 35th street, it was impossible for love or money to secure a taxi to convey her to her home and the street cars on Indiana Ave. were running on slow time and nothing was left for her to do, but to walk home, at that point we stepped up to the lady and informed her that we would accompany her to her home if we were shot down in the attempt.

So we wended our way south on Indiana avenue, to 35th street; it

was shortly after one o'clock A. M., when we arrived on the south side of 35th and Indiana, where two white gentlemen were standing waiting to board a North bound Indiana Ave. car, and before we could get beyond that point a powerful built Colored man rushed up right in front of us with fighting blood in his eyes and with a big club in his hand fully bent upon beating up the two white gentlemen who were very near into us and just as the Colored man was rushing at them with his club up in the air ready to strike them over the head all the time cursing and abusing them although they had not said nor done one thing to the Colored man, the lady broke away from us and ran to the side of the Colored man grabbing him by the arm and after we had both plead with him and succeeded in convincing him that he was doing wrong, that his act would make it much worse for all of the Colored people in Chicago, he finally lowered his arm and walked away with his club, and not on: hair on the heads of the white gentlemen were harmed. Just then a North bound Indiana ave. car came along but the conductor being fearful that some shooting and rioting was going on, refused to open the door for the white gentlemen so they were forced to run south on Indiana ave. to seek a safer place to wait for the next car.

It might be well to state that neither the lady or the writer knew the two white gentlemen from Adam's off ox; after landing the lady at her home safely we wended our way back on 35th street to the "L" station; it was then almost two o'clock in the morning and in going east from Indiana ave., and in returning west on 35th street we failed to come in contact with one single policeman until we reached Michigan ave. and from the west side of Michigan ave. to State st., we never before beheld so much human blood scattered over the side walks in our journey through life and it seemed that the order or the business of the day and night had been to do nothing else but to shed the blood of human beings and that that part of the south side had been transformed into a slaughter house.

will also be delivered by Mr. William D'Arcy, President of the Associated Advertising Clubs of America, Mr. Allen W. Clark, Chairman of the Clean-Up and Paint-Up Bureau with headquarters at St. Louis, and Col. Otis B. Dunham of the famous 8th Illinois Regiment.

The official announcement of entertainments for the League include a visit to the Anheuser-Busch Bevo Plant, a special entertainment at the Booker T. Washington Theatre and an Industrial and Fraternal parade showing the achievements of the Negroes of St. Louis and the Middle West.

The Eighth Illinois Regiment Band will furnish music for the Reception and Banquet which will be held Friday evening, August 15th at the Coliseum.

It will thus be seen that the Local Negro Business League of St. Louis is making full and complete arrangements not only for the business meeting of the League, but also for the entertainment of the delegates and of the friends. The meeting begins August 13th.

## LIST OF ARRIVALS AT HOTEL IDLEWILD

L. T. Lyman and wife, Kansas City.  
Daisy Taylor, Minneapolis, Minn.  
S. J. Griffin, Camp Grant.  
Mrs. Mary F. Clark, Springfield, Ill.  
Mr. Jack Woodford and wife, Detroit, Mich.  
R. T. Jordan and wife, Mississippi.  
Allen Powell, Camp Grant.  
C. R. Wentz, Camp Grant.  
Edward Henderson, City.  
Philip Green, Broomville, Indiana.  
Miss Pearl Ramsey, Indiana.  
Isaac Puck, Detroit, Mich.  
Lewis Beadie, San Francisco, Cal.  
S. W. Westmore, New York, N. Y.  
Romeo Parish and wife, En Route.

Joe Bass, Washington, D. C.  
Mrs. W. M. Colman, Muskogee, Mich.  
Rufus Taylor, Rockford, Ill.  
Mrs. T. Franzie, City.  
Ella Steward, City.  
E. Desobey, City.  
Fred Chase, San Antonio.  
Leon Lawery, Owenston, Ky.  
Mrs. I. Hadley, San Antonio.  
C. H. Price, Des Moines.  
Miss Lulu B. Rhone, Des Moines.  
Hamlet B. Rowe, En Route.  
John T. Dickerson, En Route.  
Green Harbor, Frankfort, Ill.  
Capt. James G. Hollingsworth, U. S. A.  
E. J. Jones, Frankfort, Ill.  
C. Green, Broomville, Ill.  
J. S. Sullivan, and wife, Innargo, Ill.  
Edgar Brooks, City.  
C. W. Thomas, Camp Grant, Ill.  
Charles Howard, Camp Grant, Ill.  
Matthew Thomas, Camp Grant, Ill.  
Roy Goodwin, Camp Grant, Ill.

## Idlewild Notes.

Among the recent arrivals at The Idlewild Hotel is Mrs. Emma Payne, of Kansas City, Kansas. Owing to the riot the Moseley Stadium & Recreation Park will open Saturday, August 2nd, 1919. Among the attractions that will be seen at Moseley's Stadium & Recreation Park, will be the Monkey Speedway. The Hippodrome, Joyland, last, but not least the 10 in 1 show.

During the Riot many people stopped at The Hotel for refuge being afraid to go through the streets. One of the guest was injured in the melee.

Otherwise, everything was quiet altho the guests was going to and fro without being molested.

## ALABAMA LYNCHERS GIVEN PENITENTIARY SENTENCES

First Time in State's History Convictions Are Obtained in Such Cases

BAY MINETTE, Ala.—For the first time in the history of Alabama convictions and pleas of guilty were entered in a lynching case today when in the Baldwin County Court two men were convicted of complicity in the murder and given Penitentiary sentences, while 28 other members of the same band entered pleas of guilty. Ten of those pleading guilty were given fines or sentences to hard work.

The case was that of Frank Foukal, who was shot to death in his cell in jail, where he was being held on a charge of murder. Local authorities immediately began seeking the result that more than 30 persons were arrested. The convictions and pleas of guilty came today, only a few weeks after the attack took place.

Sim Andrews and Louis Bishop, the two men convicted, were given Penitentiary sentences of 10 and 15 years, respectively.

## MEETING IN THE INTEREST OF THE ATLANTA NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE AT THE NEGRO FELLOWSHIP LEAGUE.

Ex-President, James M. Henderson of Morris Brown University, Atlanta, Ga., and who is now the efficient pastor of the Institutional Church, 39th and Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill., will act as chairman of the rally, for the Atlanta Normal and Industrial Institute, which will be held in the Negro Fellowship League Headquarters, on Sunday afternoon, 3 p. m. The educational propaganda of the Negro in the South will be discussed by principal Richard D. Stinson of Atlanta, traveled in England in the interest of the Colored people of the south years ago and Lawyer N. S. Taylor, president of the Negroes Suffrage League of the United States from Greenville, Miss., Hon. Adelbert H. Roberts, member of the Illinois Legislature and state senator Samuel A. Etelson, Corporation Counsel of the City of Chicago.

All persons interested in the educational, moral and economic conditions of the Colored people are urged to be present and to give their influence and sympathy to this cause at that time and place. There are many reasons why we think our people in this Metropolitan City as well as white friends should seek to be present.

A Friend of the Institution.

**Sensible View of Health.**  
If a sound mind and rational habits do so much to keep the body sound, and if nature unaided can cure most of our curable ills, life is a fairer deal for all of us than it has sometimes seemed. Of course, it is not so easy as it sounds to put fear and worry, harrowing love affairs and destructive emotions—hated and envy—out of mind. But if this is done we must do it ourselves. Doctors cannot do it for us, and realization that the matter of health is largely in our own hands must contribute to the wiser ordering of life.—Chicago Daily News.

**Golden Moment is Now.**  
Shake a barrel of apples and a sound ones will come to the top. As in this great industrial shake-up a man of right heart and keen mind will find his chance. He who has not succeeded as well as he would have liked has now less cause or time than ever for the cavil of discontent or resistance to the advance of industrial peace and progress. Now is his golden moment to apply heart and brain and muscle to the best opportunity at hand.—Charles Grant Miller, in the Christian Herald.

**Do Authors Enjoy Writing?**  
In an editorial on the financial rewards of the late Amelia E. Barr the New York World sets forth that sheer love of writing always produces the best results. "We object," says the Sun. "A canvass of writers who achieve the best results, our guess is, would show that nine-tenths of them don't love to write. There is a good deal of bunk about it, and it is hard to get honest answers; many writers are afraid to say they don't enjoy the writing job."

**Anyway, He Found It.**  
It was on October 12 I happened to meet my neighbor's little girl on the street during school hours. I asked her how it happened that she was at school, and she looked at me with some surprise and answered: "Why, don't you know, it's Columbus day today?" Then, with seeming pity for me in my ignorance, she added: "Columbus discovered America. It was last year, I think."—Chicago Tribune.

**Could Drink Water.**  
If among the innumerable beverages of colonial times a man could find nothing to quench his thirst, he must have been hard to satisfy. The Pilgrim fathers were much distressed because they were reduced to drinking water when they came to the New World. But Higginson, of Salem, proudly told his contemporaries: "I can and oftentimes do drink New England water very well."

**Triumphed Over Misfortune.**  
The famous French artist, Gustave Dore, was born and reared in the shadow of Strasbourg cathedral, says Mrs. Betham-Edwards, in "The Heart of the Vosges." At the age of eight years he broke his right arm, but he came, as if by magic, ambidextrous. As he lay in bed he cheerily drew pictures all day long with his left hand.

**Deep Degradation.**  
"I haven't seen Pilkington for a week." "No, he hasn't been out of the house since his accident." "Was he seriously injured?" "No, but he feels the disgrace deeply." "Disgrace?" "Yes. After living in the heart of the city all his life he went to the country one day last week and was run over by a milk cart!"

**Quite Sure.**  
Patricia came tumbling down a flight of stairs, and her mother, badly frightened, inquired if she was hurt. When Patricia regained her breath she loudly proclaimed her feelings: "I is killed mother! I know I is killed!"

**Good Advice for Parents.**  
Children readily copy what they see and hear, and as a consequence they should not hear squabbles among adults, and should be given every chance to observe courtesy.—Exchange.

**Daily Thought.**  
To preserve a friend, three things are necessary; to honor him present, praise him absent, and assist him in his necessities.—Italian Saying

**Little Things Count.**  
A comma is a little thing, but so is a cinder in your eye. In the wrong place, little things can cause a great deal of trouble.

**Combined Register.**  
Designed for retail stores which do a credit business is a combined cash register, credit register and adding machine.

**Smallest Inhabited Spot.**  
The island holding the Eddystone lighthouse is the smallest bit of all the year around inhabited land in the world.

**Silk Once More Valuable.**  
At one time silk was so valuable that it was sold for its own weight in gold, literally.

**Surnames.**  
Surnames began to be used first among the nobility in 1200.